Sparks from Fr. Mark

The last several weeks I have been receiving invitations from various theology schools and seminaries asking me to participate in their summer learning programs. This is a good reminder, not only for me, but for all of us, to continue to be lifelong learners. And it seems that summer is the perfect time to engage in lifelong learning activities.

The summer months provide many opportunities for children and youth to participate in all kinds of camps, from music to sports, language and technology, just to name a few. Here at OLBH there will be a number of learning opportunities for our children and youth: Vacation Bible School, Steubenville, a mission trip to St. Louis, Missouri, and Duc in Altum. For our young adults there will be a backpacking trip to the Bighorn Mountains.

And what would summer be without a learning opportunity for the adults in our parish community? Last summer we offered *Financial Peace University*, developed by Dave Ramsey. *Financial Peace University* is a biblically based accountability curriculum that teaches how to manage money and resources God's way. It empowers people to make the right financial decisions to achieve their financial goals, teaching them to eliminate debt, build wealth, and give like never before. On the average, families reduce their debt by $5,300.00 and save $2,700.00 in just 91 days.

A number of people have inquired whether the parish will offer *Financial Peace University* again this coming summer. Last summer was successful and so we will offer *FPU* again. There will be a preview night at 6:00 pm Wednesday, April 21. If there are enough people interested in participating in this 13-week course, we will meet on Mondays, April 26 through July 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area. For more information, contact Kerri Allardyce at 307-272-1788 or kerri@cowboyimages.net, or you may contact Father Mark at 787-5168 or mark.mccormick@olbh.org.

I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to springing into some summer fun and lifelong learning.

Fr. Mark

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 8:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday, 8:00 am - 6:30 pm, with Reconciliation from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation to encourage lifelong learning for all ages called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email bulletin@olbh.org by noon on Tuesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, April 12
Acts 4:23-31; Psalms 2:1-3, 4-6, 7-9; John 3:1-8 (white)
7:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For all those who were injured or died in the mud slide in Rio de Janeiro)
4:30 pm: Lumko Group

Tuesday, April 13
Acts 4:32-37; Psalms 93:1, 1-2, 5; John 3:7-15 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Richard Niehoff)
10:00 am: Staff Holy Hour
7:00 pm: Returning Catholics at St. Terese

Wednesday, April 14
Acts 5:17-26; Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 3:16-21 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse.)
8:30 am – 6:30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration with Reconciliation from 5:30 – 6:30 pm
9:00 am: Noon: Food Pantry
6:00 pm: Gatherings of Grace - Confirmation

Thursday, April 15
Acts 5:27-33; Psalms 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; John 3:31-36 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the success of the National Home Missions Collection)
10:00 am: Staff Meeting

Friday, April 16
Acts 5:34-42; Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15 (white)

Saturday Morning, April 17
Acts 6:1-7; Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21 (white)
9:00 am: Lumko Group
9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Save the Date
Vacation Bible School

We will be setting sail with the High Seas Expedition for all children pre-school – 5th grade on Monday, July 12 - Friday, July 16, 2010 at Our Lady of the Black Hills. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss the ship!

Reflection Questions for Next Sunday

Jesus feeds us so that we can feed and serve others.

Children: Jesus asks Peter three times if Peter loves Jesus. What one thing can you do this week to show Jesus your love?

Youth: Jesus asked Peter three times to "feed my sheep." Who are you being called to help in your life right now?

Adults: Christ continues to feed us as his disciples, even after his death and resurrection. How does the Eucharist feed your faith?

Saturday Evening, April 17
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 (white)
5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Byron Crown)

Sunday, April 18
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 (white)
9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the Repose of Gene Kraft)
10:00 am: Coffee Hour
10:30 am: First Eucharist Retreat
4:00 pm: Pizza & Praise SPROUTS, Edge, Life Teen & Adult Life
6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Our OLBH Community)

Intercessory Prayers
Life and Health Concerns:
Vickie Bergeron, Amy Bohn, Joe Creek, Paul James, Missy Jorgenson, Bernadette Ricard & Bob Wentz
Repose:
Richard Niehoff & Don Padgett

Collection Report
April 3rd & 4th

Loose	$3656.00
Envelopes	3055.00
Votive	15.90
Student	137.94
Adopt a Seminarian	300.00
Other	50.00
Total	**$7214.84**

Ministry Schedule

April 17 & 18	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Irene Daschel		
Altar Servers	Hannah Ehresmann Rileigh Kronmiller Dawson Rhodes	Christian Weaver Savannah Inman Jessie Gray	Kaleah Evans Austin Evans Rachel McCormick
Precious Body - Precious Blood	**John Osnes** Jayme Hunt Reggie Hunt Bernadette Usera John Usera	**John Osnes** Jim Hoag Joyce Williamson Larry Williamson Dennis Fischer	**John Osnes** Denise McCormick Jim McCormick Lorinda Collings Michelle Bucholz
Lectors	Kathy Van Asma Cathy Wang	Nikki Dyczek Tamara Dyczek	Tom Collings Cathleen Denekamp
Sacristans	Cindy & Craig Thompson	Bob Weaver	Brad, Mary & Matthew Blauvelt
Ushers	Pam Wentz Bob Wentz	Joan Wilson Don Everson	Chris, Matt, Betsy & Tom Van Asma

Lives based on having are less free than lives based either on doing or on being.

~ William James

OLBH Parish News

Pray a Novena for Pope Benedict XVI

All Knights of Columbus and fellow Catholic brothers and sisters your presence is needed in praying a special novena for Pope Benedict XVI, beginning Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, and concluding Monday, April 19, the fifth anniversary of the Holy Father's election in 2005. The novena will be prayed at 6:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Formation Commission Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday, April 19th at 7:00 pm, for all involved in Formation ministry. These ministries are Library, RCIA, Bible Study groups, Book Discussion groups, Catholic Men's group, Lumko groups, Gatherings of Grace, Adult Life, Life Teen, Edge, SPROUTS, Sacramental Preparation & Annulment Process. Please join us to help form our Pastoral Commission.

Bake Sale – April 24th & 25th

OLBH will be having a bake sale, before and after all Masses on April 24th & 25th. This bake sale is to help fund the meals that are cooked and served by the OLBH parishioners for the Corner Stone Rescue Mission. Please help support this wonderful ministry. Thank you.

New OLBH Online Forum!!!

Next time you are online, check out the new forum at http://olbh.org/forum or look for the link on the OLBH website. The primary purpose of this site is to have a place to discuss your thoughts and opinions about the various faith formation and community activities at the church. For instance, if you were touched by something at a Gatherings of Grace event, you can post your experience. Or perhaps you need another parent's advice about how to answer your child's questions about the Eucharist. The site is still in its infancy, so register and check back often.

It's Back… It's Fun… It's for EVERYONE!
Basket Auction and Dinner

Save the Date:

Saturday, May 8th, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

This is a great time for the people of the parish to get together, have fun and support our youth and their activities! The Basket Auction & Dinners is an annual fundraiser hosted by the youth of OLBH who will be attending Steubenville and who will be going on a mission to St. Louise. The youth plan this event with the help of their parents and it is always a great time! We thank you for your prayers in making this a success and your support.

Coming this summer to a parish near you!

Duc In Altum

This is a week long program given by our diocesan seminarians. They will focus on, The Eucharist, Marian Devotion, Catechetical Instruction, Vocational Discernment, Fun! For High School students the dates are Sunday, June 13th – Thursday, June 17th in the evenings. For the elementary and middle school youth the dates are Monday, June 14th – Thursday, June 17th in the mornings. More Info to come!

The 2010 Census: Thank You

It is not too late to participate in the 2010 Census. With only 10 questions, the census questionnaire only takes 10 minutes to complete. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share census questionnaire responses with other federal agencies or law enforcement entities. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement form in early April. Census workers will visit households that do not return their form to take a count in person. Remember, the success of the 2010 Census is in your hands. For more information, visit www.2010census.gov or www.2010census.gov/espanol.

From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission

"One Catholic Teaching - Pope Benedict also insists that there is one Catholic teaching which unites the church's moral and social doctrine, such that the teachings about the protection of human life and dignity, the defense of marriage and the family, the protection of the poor, the pursuit of economic justice and the practice of solidarity are all one. The pope warns against "certain abstract subdivisions of the church's social doctrine," insisting that "**respect for life… cannot in any way be detached from questions concerning the development of peoples**… Openness to life is at the centre of true development of resources. When a society moves towards the denial or suppression of life, it ends up no longer finding the necessary motivation and energy to strive for man's true good. If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of a new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away."

Bishop Blase Cupich, Charity in Truth: Serious Thinking for Serious Times, www.rapidcitydiocese.org

Community News

4th Annual Piedmont Ambulance / Fire Department "Wild Game Feed Fund Raiser"

Join us for a wild game feed and fund raiser on Friday, May 14th, at Elk Creek Steak House & Lounce! Dinner and Silent Auction will be from 5:00 – 9:00 pm, and Karaoke all night. Proceeds will benefit the Piedmont Ambulance and Fire Department. Admission is - adults: $10 / 10 and under: $6 and tickets can be purchased at Elk Creek, the Piedmont Ambulance and Fire Department, or many members of the department.

Diocesan News

Catholics Returning Home

The "Catholics Returning Home" ministry program is being offered at St. Therese the Little Flower Church, 532 Adams St., Rapid City on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. The next session is April 13, 2010. You are invited to attend any or all of the remaining sessions. The program is for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church and wants to return, please invite them to join us. For more information, e-mail Greg Sass at greg.sass@olbh.org, call Our Lady of the Black Hills at 787-5168, or visit http://ReturningCatholics.net. There is no charge and pre-registration is not required.

STM – "Fiddler on the Roof"

The St. Thomas More High School production of Fiddler on the Roof will be presented on April 15, 16 and 17 in the auditorium at St. Martin Monastery. Performance time is 7:30 pm each evening. Reserved seats can be obtained by calling Shawna Hanson, 923-2545. Adults-$10, Students/Children-$5. Don't miss this all-time family favorite Broadway musical featuring a cast of 33 STM students and a live orchestra of 12 STM musicians!"

Engaged Encounter Weekend

For engaged or newly married couples will be held **April 16-18, 2010** at *Terra Sancta* (formerly St. Martin Monastery), Rapid City. The weekend gives the couple an opportunity to look at themselves first as individuals, then as a couple, and finally to examine their relationship with God, the Church, and the world. To register for the weekend or for more information, contact Greg & Connie Forstner, 605-341-6032.

Rachel's Corner

By this Easter mystery, Jesus promises us resurrection and a life of love with Him. Join the risen Christ and experience His love, mercy, and forgiveness on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™.

If you are struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion, Christ's mercy is waiting for you at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™. Retreats will be held April 23 – 25 in the Bismarck area and May 21 -23 in the Rapid City area. Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Weekend retreats will be held April 23-25, 2010 in Bismarck, ND and May 21-23, 2010 in Rapid City, SD. The confidential retreats are for those who are spiritually hurting after an abortion and want to experience the healing love of Christ. For more information or to register, please contact Carol Kling at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com. The national toll-free number is 1-877-HOPE-4-ME and the Web site address is www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Letting Go

Retreat on April 24th at St. Martins "Letting Go" will be held on April 24th from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm. This retreat is a positive strategy to strengthen our true self and respond in love to frustration, instead of reacting. The goal is to keep in God's peace of the present moment. Registration is necessary to Sister Marmion Howe at 343-8011 or after 5:00 pm at 348-9132. Monetary offering is $20.00 and includes refreshments and lunch.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is celebrated on April 25, 2010, the fourth Sunday of Easter. Let us pray that God would raise up many vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. Let us pray especially for all priests during this Year for Priests, as well as for consecrated men and women at this time. Send a card to your parish priest or to someone you know who is consecrated this week, thanking them for the gift of themselves given to Christ and to His body, the Church, or invite them for dinner. Pray for more vocations to priesthood and consecrated life – and consider a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life! www.Gods-call.org

OUR HEARTS ARE ON FIRE WITH FUTURE HOPE

"Life is hard. Times are tough. Human issues overwhelm us," said Fr. Shields. "What can the Pentecost event say to us about finding a hopeful human condition in a pretty dark and scary world?" St. Martin Monastery Spring Retreat will be lead by Fr. David M. Shields, S.J., retreat director. Mark your calendars for May 21-22 (starts Friday 6:30 pm, Saturday 7:30 am - 7 pm) to join us on a retreat in the Pentecostal Spirit: "Our Hearts are on Fire with Future Hope." Father Shields is well known in western South Dakota. He worked for 18 years on the Pine Ridge Reservation, one year at the Sioux Spiritual Center, and he took a position in the Diocese of Rapid City's Family Life Center. He continues directing and preaching retreats in his current position as executive director of Casa Romero Renewal Center, an urban bi-lingual retreat center in Milwaukee. Offering: $80.00. Do not stay away for lack of funds, because some scholarships are available (see Sr. Marmion). This is not a "live in" retreat; a few beds are available for $20.00 a night on a first come, first serve basis. Registration is necessary; please register with Sister Marmion Howe, (605) 343 8011, *srmarmion@aol.com*

Teens Encounter Christ

June 12-14th, Rapid City & August 6-8th, McIntosh.

Encounter Christ through the Paschal Mystery in the rich tradition of the Catholic faith. Experience the sacraments of the Church, talks, discussions, prayer, fellowship, food, and fun. For juniors in high school through young adults. Information online at www.rapidcitydiocese.org. Contact for Rapid City: Tina Niggeman, 348-4145 or Contact for McIntosh: Gloria Maher 701-522-3244.

Diocesan News Continued...

TOTUS TUUS 2010 - TELL THE WORLD

"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." – Matthew 28:19-20

Totus Tuus Camps are coming! Hiking, Campfires, Swimming, Games, and much more! At Storm Mountain Center. Girls Camp, for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8: July 6-9. Girls Leadership, for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older: July 5-9. Boys Camp, for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8: August 3-6. Boys Leadership, for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older: August 2-6. Registration forms available online at www.Gods-call.org or at your parish. **$20 discount coupons for registrations received before May 15.** Contact the Office of Vocations for more information, 343-3541, ssafford@diorc.org

World Youth Day – Reduced Cost!

August 9-22, 2011. Cost: $2100. Deposits of $250 and applications due by June 1st. This spiritual and rustic pilgrimage is open to those who are 18 by August 9, 2011 through 35 years of age. Space is limited to the first 40 accepted applicants. Travel through Burgos, Avila, Toledo, Madrid and more. Contact Provatia Pietila 343-3541. Application and information is online at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.

Father Michel Mulloy - Trip to Rome.

On October 19 – 29, nine to twelve (no more) participants, will see Rome and one side trip. Approximate Cost for transportation, food, lodging and admission fees is $2600 - $3000. An organizational meeting will be on Wednesday, April 21st in the Rectory of the Cathedral – use office entrance. If interested, contact Fr. Molloy at: michel@cathedralolph.org or 342-0507 or attend the organizational meeting.

"Theology of the Body for Teens" Workshop with Author Brian Butler

October 30th. Rapid City, Cathedral Hall from 9-3pm. Cost $45. For youth ministers, teachers, DRE's, priests and religious, counselors, parents, and anyone who works with youth. Lunch, leader's guide and handouts provided. Contacts: Provatia Pietila 343-3541 or Mary Casey 343-8484.

Did You Know...

Former Monastery Now Called *Terra Sancta*

In 2007, the Sisters at St. Martin Monastery decided that a new monastery would better suit their needs. However, they wanted to keep the sacred character of the St. Martin property and believed that the Diocese of Rapid City and the Rapid City Catholic School System would continue their mission of bringing people closer to God. To make this possible, they significantly reduced the price of the 150,000 square foot building and 200 acres and accepted an offer from the diocese and the school system. The purchase was completed in 2009. The former St. Martin Monastery property is now called *Terra Sancta,* which is Latin for Holy Land, to honor the sisters who made the ground holy through their many years of service and prayer.

For the Ride Home

By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12)
- I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. (Psalm 118:13)
- I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. (Revelations 1:17b,18)
- Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19).

Reflection

- When you were "hard pressed and falling," who helped you?
- What are the "signs and wonders" that are done by today's disciples of Jesus?
- How do you witness Jesus standing in your midst?

... the most pure and absolute Being, which is being without qualification is **the first and the last**, it is, therefore, the origin and consummating end of all things.

Because it is eternal and most present, it therefore encompasses and enters all duration as if it were at one and the same time its center and circumference.

Because it is utterly simple and the greatest, it is, therefore, totally within all things and totally outside them and thus "is an intelligible sphere whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere."

Because it is most perfect and immense, it is, therefore, within all things, but not enclosed; outside all things, but not excluded; above all things, but not aloof; below all things, but not debased.

Finally, because it is supremely one and all-inclusive it is, therefore, *all in all,* although all things are many and it is itself only one and this is so because, through its most simple unity, most serene truth and most sincere goodness,
there is in it all power, all exemplarity and all communicability.

Consequently, *from him, through him and in him are all things* for he is all-powerful, all-knowing and all-good, and to see him perfectly is to be blessed, as was said to Moses: *'I will show you all good.* [1]

[1]St. Bonaventure, *The Soul's Journey into God*, translated by Ewert Cousins, Paulist Press, 1978, p. 100.

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